

**California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control**

**Public Notice
Draft Negative Declaration
Prepared Pursuant to the
California Environmental Quality Act
For:**

**Proposed Regulations - Universal Waste Rule
DTSC Control Number R-97-08**

The California Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), requests public comments on its proposed Negative Declaration for the adoption of proposed new regulations titled the "Universal Waste Rule" (the Project).

The Universal Waste Rule establishes special management standards for three types of hazardous waste called "universal wastes":

1. Batteries except automotive lead acid type;
2. Thermostats containing mercury; and
3. Lamps including most fluorescent tubes, high intensity discharge, mercury vapor, and other hazardous waste lamps.

The special management standards are based on similar federal regulations and allow simpler accumulation, storage, and transportation of universal wastes than allowed under current regulations. The Universal Waste Rule focuses on proper ultimate recycling or disposal of universal wastes. It requires all recycling and disposal of universal wastes to occur at a permitted hazardous waste facilities. After completing an initial study, DTSC determined that adopting the Universal Waste Rule will not have a significant negative effect on the environment. Due to the absence of significant effects, DTSC is proposing a Negative Declaration for these regulations.

Comments will be accepted on the proposed Negative Declaration until March 23, 2001; comments should be submitted by mail to the DTSC headquarters address found below. The Negative Declaration, the Initial Study, the proposed regulations, and associated regulatory documentation can be inspected at the addresses below and can also be downloaded from DTSC's Internet site at: www.dtsc.ca.gov under "What's new?"

Copies of the Negative Declaration are available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

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